

# ***NOS Special Projects Highlights: June 2006***

## **NOAA**

### **NOAA Restoration Day 2006**

Coordinated the third annual NOAA Restoration Day event, which took place on June 13 and included more than 100 volunteers helping to restore the Chesapeake Bay. The activities were part of the Chalk Point oil spill restoration effort and took place in Trent Hall, MD. (Alison Hammer)

### **NOAA's 200th Celebration Planning**

Continued the 200th planning effort by forming a budget and required resources list, both of which were approved by the Executive Committee on Friday, June 30. (Lani Watson)

### **NOAA's Incident Coordination Center (ICC) Presentation**

Presented the 2006 ICC GIS Web site to the Homeland Infrastructure Foundation Level Database Working Group. The ICC GIS will provide support to the ICC for the 2006 hurricane season. (Robb Wright)

### **Ocean Action Plan Database**

Completed planning for the development of a publicly accessible Web-enabled ocean action database on the Committee on Ocean Policy Web site. (Emily Larkin)

### **Ocean Science Initiative—Ocean News Kiosk**

Purchased enVision software to support the Ocean News Kiosk, which will be on the floor of the Ocean Hall exhibit opening September 2008, in the Smithsonian's Natural History Museum. Coordinating a cross-office enVision training session, to be held July 19-21. (Mike Shelby)

## **NOS**

### **FirstGov Search**

Implemented the FirstGov affiliate search engine on public Web sites maintained by Special Projects. (Davida Remer)

### **Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Web Site**

Collaborating with the IOOS team on a planning process to build a public IOOS Web site. Provided initial steps to identify the type of offering, target audience, and principles for the Web site. (Davida Remer)

### **Ocean Science Initiative—Ocean Hall (NOS Coordination)**

Coordinated NOS scientific review of the actual "words-on-the-wall" for the majority of Smithsonian Ocean Hall galleries. Review of remaining gallery scripts, as well as images and artifacts for all galleries, will continue through August 2006. (Wendy Sera)

### **QARTOD IV Workshop (CO-OPS)**

Assisted in planning and facilitating the fourth workshop for the Quality Assurance of Real Time Oceanographic Data (QARTOD IV) that was held from June 21-23 at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution in Woods Hole, MA. (Kim Cohen)

### **NOS Foreign Nationals Tracking Database**

Began scoping user and system requirements for an NOS Foreign Nationals Tracking System, which was requested via a Department of Commerce Administrative Order (DAO 207-12). (Chris Clement/Emily Larkin)

### **National Marine Sanctuaries Ordnance Reef Survey**

Provided GIS and logistical support on a two-week survey cruise for National Marine Sanctuaries in Oahu, Hawaii. (Tony Reyer)

### **Coral Database Project**

Completed updates and bug fixes to the FY06 Coral database Web application. Also completed a technical assessment for developing a new Coral database and Web application. (Chris Clement)

### **Office of Coast Survey "Ping to Chart" Project**

Assisting the Office of Coast Survey with the development products that can capture and track the various development processes and integration points associated with the OCS Data Streamlining effort. The effort is intended to significantly shorten the development timeline for nautical chart development. (Kim Cohen)

### **NOS Liaison to NOAA Mission Goals**

Serve as Liaison to NOAA Ecosystems, Commerce and Transportation, Weather and Water and Climate Goals. Ensure full communication between NOS and goal teams. (Tim Goodspeed)

## NOAA Goal Teams/Programs

### South Florida Coral Ecosystem Mapping

Participated in meetings on May 31 and June 1 in St Petersburg and Miami, FL, to review the classification scheme for mapping south Florida's shallow-water coral ecosystems. Comments provided by resource scientists and managers attending the meetings will be incorporated into a revised scheme to be released in September. (Steve Rohmann)

### Support for Ecosystem Research Program

Special Projects is providing a program coordinator for the Ecosystem Research Program to assist with PPBES. (Rebecca Newhall)

## Summary of Current Projects by Client: FY06 (as of June 30)

Client	Active	Proposed	Completed	Estimated Level of Effort* (person years)
NOS	24	6	8	11.8
NOS Program				
Offices	21	8	9	7.9
NOAA	19	12	4	14.2
NOAA Line Offices	7	1	0	4.5
NOAA Goal Teams	8	2	2	3.9
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>79</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>42.3**</b>

\*The level of effort estimates will fluctuate as new projects are added and existing projects are completed.

\*\*There is an additional level of effort that goes into SP-specific projects (e.g., administrative).

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### ***"Population Trends Along the Coastal United States: 1980-2008" cited in National Geographic and Wall Street Journal***

The July 2006 issue of National Geographic magazine features an article entitled, "Loving Our Coasts to Death." The fold-out map within this article highlights statistics directly quoted from the recent Special Projects publication, "Population Trends Along the Coastal United States: 1980-2008." The report was also referenced in a Wall Street Journal article (June 23) entitled, "What You Can Catch From the Waves."



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